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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS & INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 15, 2006 of the Examiner's rejection of claims 197 to 205, 222 to 229, and 232 to 246.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge <u>\$250.00</u> to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the Notice of Appeal fee as set forth on the accompanying transmittal form.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

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